

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Then, the current limitation circuit 25 determines whether the voltage ~~decline-drop~~ between ~~the drain and the source~~ both ends of the drive switching element 12 exceeds a predetermined threshold value or not. When the voltage ~~decline-drop~~ between ~~the drain and the source~~ both ends of the drive switching element 12 exceeds the predetermined threshold value, then the current limitation circuit 25 ~~causes the gate and the source to have therebetween a short circuit to reduce the input voltage to the gate, thereby reducing~~ limits the current flowing in the drive switching element 12.